



**City of Santa Barbara  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Regular monthly meeting of  
THE FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ken Rivas at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 East Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present

Ken Rivas, Chairperson  
Theresa Peña  
Ana D. Soto  
Chrystal Sturm  
Sebastian Aldana

Members Absent

Michael Goldberg

Staff Present

Ricardo Venegas, Community Services Coordinator II

Liaisons Present

Roger Horton, Councilman  
Helene Schneider, Councilman

Guests

Priscilla Hernandez  
Jeri Waite  
Jhoane Perez

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ana Soto to approve minutes and was seconded by Theresa Peña and was passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** A motion was made by Ken Rivas to have the Council subcommittee Advisory Committee interviews (item 8. a.) under new business be the first order of business following public comment. Motion was seconded by Peña.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Councilman Roger Horton announced that he attended a Future Leaders of America reception where a few Santa Barbara students received awards. Future Leaders of America works with approximately 500 youth from throughout the County to provide them with leadership building activities and training. Scholarships are available for those interested in the program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Priscilla Hernandez provided information on the Childhood Obesity Initiative and the Adult Fitness Training Program taking place at the Franklin School. The adult fitness program is 12 weeks long and focuses on cardio-circuit training workout.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Neighborhood Health and Safety Improvement Program** – Sebastian informed the committee that the May 30, 2009 neighborhood clean-up was a great success. Ken assisted with the blue house at the corner of Montecito and Soledad and informed everyone that the residents were very grateful for all the assistance. Sebastian was responsible for delivering paints/supplies and was involved in graffiti removal.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Santa Barbara Foundation Teen Grant** - Staff applied for a Santa Barbara Foundation Teen Grant to continue the Santa Barbara Arts Alliance Project for another year.
- b. **Mural Dedication Ceremony at Westside Boys and Girls Club** - Ken informed that the mural dedication at the Westside Boys and Girls Club went very well and all present were pleased with how well the murals turned out.
- c. **Free Family Photo Portrait** – Chrystal Sturm informed the Committee that the Free Family portrait event held on June 12 was a great success with the participation of 35 families and 9 individuals. Professional photographers and volunteers were on hand to assist families with their free portrait.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Council Subcommittee Advisory Committee Interviews** – Roger and Helene provided the committee with an overview of the City's effort at increasing resident participation through the advisory committee's and highlighted that since City Council started having advisory committee interviews at the community centers, more residents have joined the committees. Johanna Perez, a local neighborhood youth and applicant to the Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee, was interviewed by Roger and Helene. Johanna, expressed an interest in joining the committee to because she is interested in continuing her volunteer work for the betterment of neighborhood youth services.
- b. **Job Apprenticeship Program/Pete Leyva** – The Job Apprenticeship Program is underway with the ongoing recruitment of youth. Staff projects on having 30 youth employed during the summer. In addition to the employment, 12 youth have been recruited to participate in program out of the airport where they will have an opportunity to explore careers with the Santa Barbara Airport. The Committee requested that Staff provide additional information on the Job Apprenticeship Program at the next regular meeting.
- c. **Child Health and Disability Prevention Program** – Jeri Waite gave an overview of the Adult Nutrition Program that CHDP would like to have at the Franklin Neighborhood Center. Program will be bilingual (English and Spanish) and will provide 4 cooking classes that will also include discussions on diabetes, proper nutrition, portions sizes, and workshops on how to read nutritional labels.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- a. **General Community Services Center, Operations and Special Project Information** – Tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:00 PM, there being no further business to come before the committee, the Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by Chairperson, Ken Rivas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ricardo Venegas  
Community Services Coordinator II